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ARMIES SEEK TO DELIVER DEATH BLOW

BOTH ALLIES AND HUNS HAVE CHANGED THEIR ORIGINAL PLANS.

HUN RETREAT SO RAPID THAT CONTACT IS BROKEN

Objective of Both Armies is Now The Killing of As Many Opponents As Possible—Little Hope of Bagging German Army Because Wings Are Too Strong.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31.—(By United Press.)—Chief of Staff March today told the newspaper correspondents that both sides have now changed their original objectives on the bloody Soissons-Reims line.

Their entire efforts are now bent solely on trying to attack each other and killing off as many men as possible.

There are but light hopes of bagging the German army by outflanking it on its wing, as this is very strong on both the Soissons and Reims flanks.

Chief of Staff March said that the Soissons-Reims salient has flattened out considerably since Saturday.

The enemy retirement amounted to four miles on a 20 mile front and was carried out so rapidly that the allied troops got completely out of touch with the front and cavalry had to be sent out to catch up with the Germans.

The enemy's extreme west flank is stable now, while, at the same time, the Germans have reduced the allies' salient on the extreme east of the line.

"Whatever the German objectives were at the start," said Chief of Staff March, "and whatever our hope was in carrying out the counter offensive, it is now evident that both those aims have been set aside."

"The objective of each army now is the destruction of its opponent, and both sides now disclose the desire to kill off as many of its opponents as possible."

ED. COOLIDGE PERSISTENT.
Is Making A Second Attempt To Get Into Army.

H. E. Coolidge, major of the Eastern Oregon battalion of the Oregon State Guards, and former assistant cashier of the La Grande National Bank, is in Portland making a second attempt to get into the army. Although past 40 years of age, Mr. Coolidge is going to get in the service if such a thing is possible. A year ago he went to California and was in line for a commission when he was compelled to return home on account of an affection in his foot. Having recovered from the physical disability, he has arranged his business affairs for the second attempt.

He served a year in the Philippines with the Utah battery and was later a captain in the national guard. Mr. Coolidge was also an occupant for one term as the head official of the Odd Fellows of Oregon, so his activities extend over many affairs outside of the military. For several years he has been an assistant cashier in the La Grande National Bank, and was a member of the big farming concern, known as the Hill-Coolidge McKenney company.

STANDARDIZED LABEL.

O. A. C. CORVALLIS, July 21.—A standardized label for formaldehyde containers is not only being used by Oregon druggists, but has been adopted by druggists in California, according to a letter from W. W. Mackie of the University of California, and a leader in the cereal smut eradication campaign to H. P. Bares, plant pathologist in the Oregon Agricultural College, who started this movement. Standard formulas are placed on all labels.

ELEVEN STARS IN FLAG.
Arcade Theater Hoists Emblem Indicating Patriotic Service.

With eleven stars embedded in the solid background, a service flag was raised today by the Arcade theater. "This is one thing I am proud of," said Mrs. Letter, the proprietor.

MAJ. GEN. OKSHIMA



Maj. Gen. Kenichi Okshima, Japanese minister of army affairs.

ENTIRE ARMY TO BE UNITED

EVERY SOLDIER TO WEAR U. S. ON COLLAR.

Rainbow Division Is Now On Fere-en-Tardenois Line—Third Division Fighting At Cerges.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31.—(By United Press.)—Chief of Staff March today stated that all American forces will be united, and to this end both the National Guard and the National Army will be eliminated. Every soldier in future will wear on the collar of his uniform the letters "U. S.," now reserved for men in the Regular Army.

The Rainbow Division is now on the battleline near Fere-en-Tardenois, having arrived within the past two days for reinforcement.

The third division is now at Cerges, northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois.

HUN LOSSES OVER MILLION

HIGH NEUTRAL OFFICER GIVES OUT STARTLING FIGURES

Figures Cover Losses Since First Great Offensive Was Opened On March 21st.

GENEVA, July 31.—(By United Press.)—German losses since the 21st of March of this year, the date on which the Germans opened the first of the five offensives (on the Somme) total nearly one million men.

These figures are given out by a high neutral officer who has just arrived here from Berlin.

BRANCH LINE WRECK.

Incoming Passengers Delayed Two Hours Yesterday Evening.

The arrival of passengers from Joseph was delayed about two hours last night on account of a wreck of the steam shovel near Cabin creek. It was necessary to send to La Grande for the wrecking outfit and also to send other coaches down from here for the purpose of making a transfer of the passengers, mail and express.

The steam shovel outfit, which has been employed on rip-rap work in the Wallowa canyon, was being brought up to La Grande. It left the rails and the track was torn up for a considerable distance, and necessitating the use of the wrecking crew for clearing the obstructions. There was no particular damage except that of the displacement of the track.

AMERICANS CAPTURE SERINGES

BITTER BATTLE WITH ENEMY FOR TOWN LEAVES YANKS VICTORIOUS.

BATTLE CONSTANTLY INCREASES IN FEROCITY

Intrepidity Displayed By Americans In Their Charges Not Only Wins Ground For The Allies, But Instills Fear In The Hearts Of The Germans.

PARIS, July 31.—(By United Press.)—The communiqué issued here this morning announces that strong German counter attacks against the new allied positions along a line eastward from Oulchy le Chateau were repulsed. The report further states: "On the right bank of the Ourcq, sharp fighting is announced. The village of Seringes, northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois, was finally captured by the Americans, after bitter fighting."

GERMANS HAVE STRONG LINE

Allies Now Expect Huns To Make Bitter Effort To Avert Disaster.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, July 31.—The stiff resistance to the advance of the allies now being exhibited by the Germans, indicates that they have now established a strong line of defense and are prepared to make a bitter effort to prevent the allies breaking through their new front.

Prisoners taken recently insist that the enemy will make a most determined stand on the Reims-Soissons line, which is practically along the line of the River Aisne. The German retreat towards the base at Flanders is still progressing and, it must be admitted, in an orderly manner.

The battle is constantly increasing in its ferocity. All day yesterday American and German infantry units were engaged in hand to hand conflicts.

YANKS' CHARGES WIN GROUND

Intrepid Rushes Also Instill Fear In German Hearts.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, July 31.—(By United Press.)—The intrepidity displayed in the charges of the American infantry is not only winning ground for the allies, but is also instilling fear in the heart of the German soldiers. This is clearly established by the text of letters taken from German prisoners.

WEATHER STILL HOT.

The local weather Observer stated yesterday afternoon that it was just 98 in the shade, and predicted that this afternoon the government glass would mark upwards of 100.

M. P. COPS ARE BUSY

They Take Care of Traffic Arrangements Behind the Lines.

By Frank J. Taylor, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT THE FRONT, July 2.—(By Mail)—They're the traffic cops of the army, and darned good ones, too. There'll be no scarcity of traffic cops back in America when the M. P.'s get back.

The officer was alluding to the military police, the organization that keeps order in the army, prevents congestion on the roads, and does the work that other departments of the army do not do. The military police have taken an important place behind the lines. It is a distinct organization and is made up of picked men from various units. As soon as a unit arrives in France, the M. P.'s are organized from it and for it. They are always known as the "M.P.'s" in the army.

Until he gets up to the front and sees things, the average man does not realize that there is as much traffic through some battered little town behind the lines as there is on Broadway in New York, or Market street, San Francisco, at least during certain hours. Often there are two streams of traffic and the M. P. has a double job, to prevent congestion.

Usually there is an M. P. at every cross road, to examine passes and see that people who do not belong near the front never get there. When you enter a division's area you are always met by one of the M. P.'s who look over your credentials, and gives you information about roads, dangers, and sees to it that you have your gas mask ready before you go in the "gas alert zone."

The "M. P.'s" are made up of the best men in the army, and they have a lot of authority. What is more, they know it—which makes them a little disliked by the ordinary "doughboys." But everyone agrees the army couldn't run without the "M.P.'s."

HORTICULTURISTS ORGANIZE.

First Annual Meeting A. O. A. C. August 5th to 9th.

The first annual meeting of Western Horticulturists will be held at the Oregon Agricultural College, August 5 to 9. Representative horticulturists from all states west of the Rockies—between 30 and 50 of them—are expected to attend. C. I. Lewis, professor of horticulture in O. A. C. is temporary president. The organization will be perfected at the meeting. Many questions will be discussed looking towards increased fruit production.

Wednesday, August 7th, a trip by train to Salem will be made, where an inspection of orchards, and fruit juice factories will be made. The Salem Fruit Union will provide facilities for seeing the various points of interest.

Thursday morning an inspection of the experimental plots of the Oregon Experiment Station will be made. Thursday at 1:30 o'clock the visitors will start on a trip to Mary's Peak, as guests of the members of the division of horticulture in the Oregon Agricultural College who will provide necessary transportation, camp equipment and supplies.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

The Loyal Sisters of the Christian church will give an ice cream social this evening. If the weather permits it will be held on the lawn at 1501 1/2 Sixth Street; if not, it will be held in the Christian church.

PRUSSIANISM MUST BE DESTROYED

EX-PREMIER MILLERAND CLAIMS WHAT FRANCE IS FIGHTING FOR.

AMERICA WILL FIGHT AGAINST ELUSIVE PEACE

Says New World Does Not Cross Atlantic And Perform Miracles For Which French Are Grateful To Consent To A Peace Which Would Be Danger To All.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31.—(By United Press.)—Former French War Minister Millerand, reviewing the war situation, has summarized the objects for which France is fighting as follows:

"Prussian militarism must be destroyed. Alsace and Lorraine must be restored to France;

The reuniting of the Italian Irredentia;

Freedom of Rumania;

The secession of Transylvania by Hungary;

Restoration of the Kingdom of Belgium

The revival of Serbia as a free state;

The establishment of an independent Czechoslovak state;

Freedom of Poland.

M. Millerand, referring to America's part in the war, said:

The New World does not cross the Atlantic, daily accomplishing miracles at which we are astonished and for which we are extremely grateful, without having high ideals. It is for this reason that we will continue to fight to overcome any attempts to conclude a dastardly and elusive peace which would be fraught with danger to all."

RAILROADERS IN SESSION.

Joint Fuel And Safety First Meeting To Be Held Today.

This is the date of the regular monthly safety-first meeting and the occasion is being made a joint event by the addition of some discussions and demonstrations in regard to fuel for railroad operation. The meeting is being held at the Employees' Club rooms.

Among the prominent visitors in attendance are A. W. Perley, the well-known railway fuel expert, of Portland. In addition is Mr. W. G. Tawes, representative of the Locomotive Super-Heater Company, and Harry Hale, representative of the Galema Oil Company. Both these gentlemen are experts in matters pertaining to fuel needs and appliances.

The discussions brought out at the meeting were of a practical and helpful kind and were appreciated by the railway employees in attendance.

ELBERT C. KILPATRICK



Elbert C. Kilpatrick of San Francisco has a model of what he claims is the same "energy generator" which Garabed Giragosian demonstrated in Boston the other day and on which a committee of scientists made an adverse report. Kilpatrick declares the Garabed invention was the outcome of confidential information which he gave to a government official early in 1916, and that his invention antedates the machine of Garabed.

RUSSIANS KILL HUN DICTATOR

FIELD-MARSHAL VON EICHORN IS ASSASSINATED.

German Adjutant Is Also Killed When Bomb Of Revolutionary Aviator Explodes.

AMSTERDAM, July 31.—(By United Press.)—Field-Marshal von Eichorn, German dictator in the Ukraine, has been assassinated, says an official telegram from Kiev. Adjutant-Captain von Dressler was also killed at the same time.

Previous reports stated that both officers were seriously wounded by the explosion of a bomb thrown by a revolutionary aviator, who was a member of a band of plotters against German control in the Ukraine.

Dispatches from Hamburg state that wholesale arrests have been made, those in jail including members of the Ukrainian government and the Hetman.

ANOTHER CALL FOR MECHANIS

SEVEN MEN ARE REQUIRED FOR UNION CO. QUOTA.

New Registrants May Volunteer But They Will Not Be Inducted By Draft.

A call has come to the Local Board in this city for more men to enter the Benson Polytechnical School at Portland, for training as auto mechanics, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, machinists, plumbers and sheet metal workers. Seven men are required to fill this quota and volunteers will be accepted up until August 6th. If a sufficient number do not present themselves by that time, men will be drafted to fill the quota. The men are required to have had at least four years of school education, the ability to read and write and some aptitude for mechanical work. They will leave for Portland on August 15th. Only men who are qualified for general military service will be accepted.

Men registered last June 5th will be accepted for volunteers, but will not be drafted until all available men of the first registration are exhausted. Other particulars may be obtained at the Local Board office.

BATTALION REVIEW.

After dinner last evening, when the weather had cooled off a bit, the two companies of Oregon Guard formed in Battalion Review before the officers, and as they struck up and down the streets, it attracted the onlookers that La Grande is well prepared for defense at home.

HINDENBURG PROMISES DECISION

HUN LEADER PRETENDS THAT MARNE DRIVE HAS NOT BEEN FAILURE.

SAYS PEOPLE MUST NOT LOSE CONFIDENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31.—(By United Press.)—French cables state that every newspaper in Germany yesterday published a statement given out by von Hindenburg. In this statement he pretends that his latest drive to the Marne on his "trip" to Paris, which was stopped and broken up by the Franco-American forces, has not been a failure.

Forgetting to mention that the Americans participated in the battles of the Marne, he promises to deliver a decisive blow against the Anglo-French armies.

He concludes by stating that a retreat of the Germans for about a dozen kilometers, will be "perhaps sufficient" for his purpose. The newspapers unite in calling on the people of Germany not to lose confidence in von Hindenburg.

ORDER CANS AND JARS NOW.

Survey By Department of Agriculture Indicates Need.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31.—Housekeepers who have not laid in their canning supplies should do so at once, advises the United States Department of Agriculture. Reports from the States show that already some sections of the country are having difficulty in securing containers for home canning. The shortage of tin cans, glass jars and rubbers, coupled with delayed express shipments, make it imperative to place orders for supplies should apply at once to their local home demonstration agent, the leader of boys' and girls' club work or the county agricultural agent.

BAKER PIONEER DEAD.

Carl Adler, Well-Known Merchant, Expires At Hot Lake.

Leo Adler, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Carl Adler, passed through La Grande at an early hour yesterday morning, accompanying the remains of Mr. Carl Adler, one of the pioneer merchants of Baker, on the way to Portland, where the remains of Mr. Adler will be interred.

The deceased was well known in Baker, and his death, which occurred while he was at Hot Lake, came as a surprise to many.

It is understood, however, that Mr. Adler had been ailing of late, and the end was not unexpected by members of the family.

GIT TO RED CROSS.

Citizens Protective League Turns Over Dormant Fund.

The Secretary of the Citizens' Protective League of Union county turned over \$18.15 to the credit of the Red Cross. The secretary hopes that this will be approved by all members as the money had been lying idle in the bank the past three years doing no good to anyone and the league is a defunct organization.

ROOMING HOUSE FIRE.

Blaze Put Out With Chemicals With Slight Loss.

At about 9 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Harris rooming house, at the corner of North Fir and Monroe.

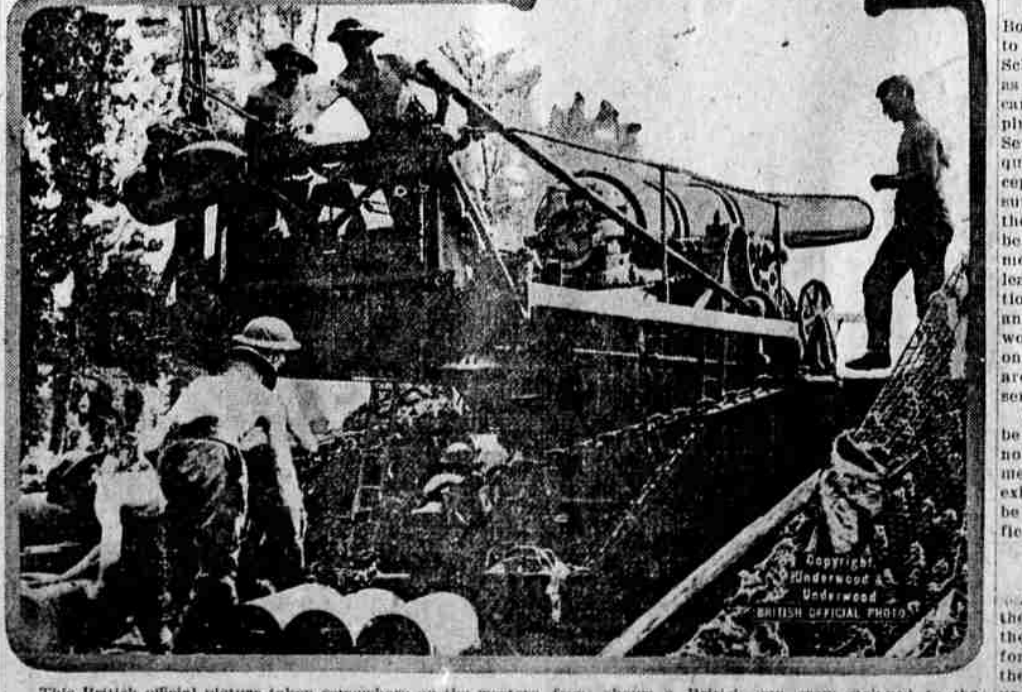
The chemical engine put the fire out, and there was no loss except one bed that refused to go through a window. It was broken in the attempt to get it out.

It was the first time the new driver of the chemical, Harold Tsai, was at the steering wheel. He made a good record for "getting there" in no time at all.

BAKER BOY IS KILLED.

LONG BEACH, Cal., July 31.—(By United Press.)—Private Charles L. Mowry, who enlisted in the army from Baker, Ore., was accidentally killed this morning through the accidental discharge of his rifle.

BRITISH GUNNERS WORK STRIPPED TO THE WAIST



This British official picture taken somewhere on the western front shows a British gun crew stripped to the waist loading and firing one of the big guns.