

BRITISH HAVE UNUSUAL SUCCESS IN THE DRIVE AGAINST HUN OUTPOSTS

ALL POINTS ESSENTIAL TO THE GREAT OFFENSIVE AGAINST ST. QUENTIN TAKEN.

Lines Have Been Advanced Beyond the Positions Previously Occupied and Temporary Footholds of the Enemy Have Been Recaptured.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—(By Lowell Mellett, United Press Staff Correspondent.)—The British have made extraordinary gains and their successes of the past two days are complete.

The Germans who held outposts on the Hindenburg line in spots between Cambrai and St. Quentin have been cleaned out, while in other places the British regained outposts temporarily captured by the enemy and which were absolutely essential to the great offensive system.

IMPORTANT POINTS RECAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—The British recaptured Moeuvres, seven miles west of Cambrai, last night, Haig has announced. Fighting is continuing in that region.

"We advanced our lines a mile in the Lempire-Ephey sector. Yesterday, in the face of strong opposition and heavy artillery, just before mid-day English troops attacked in the Lempire-Ephey sector," the statement said. "In spite of considerable opposition, they made valuable progress to a depth of more than a mile on the line previously gained in this locality."

"A few prisoners were taken in local engagements. North of Lens a hostile raiding party was repulsed."

FRENCH ALSO MAKE GAINS.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—French troops yesterday captured Chemes des Grande, four miles south of St. Quentin, the war office announced.

The official announcement says: "In the region of St. Quentin, the French yesterday captured Essigny-LaGrand and took additional prisoners."

"East of the Ailette the night was marked by violent enemy reactions."

"Five different counter attacks were broken up before our new position north of Allemant and east of Moissy Farm. The enemy suffered very heavy losses without obtaining the least results."

"On the Aisne we occupied territory west of Aizy and northeast of Vailly."

"An enemy attempt to cross the Vesle at Jonchery was broken up. Our patrols penetrated the enemy lines northwest of Souain, in the Champagne, and brought back prisoners."

NEARING METZ FORTS

American Gunners May Have Opportunity For Distinction.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The American front is now only 10 miles away from Fort Kronprinz, the farthest outlying redoubt protecting Metz on the western side of the Moselle river, where Pershing is now operating.

The fort is three miles inside the German boundary and about two miles from Gorze, on the Hindenburg line. The Americans are now slowly progressing toward Gorze, to the west of the Mad River. Fort Kronprinz will not come under the direct bombardment of the great destructive mortar guns until the Americans are near, if not actually at, the German border.

The long-range shells which can be sent into Fort Kronprinz from the present American positions, 10 miles away, have not the enormous explosive power necessary to crumple the structure. It will be necessary, therefore, for the Americans to push forward some five miles or more before they can secure maximum results from an intensive bombardment. The Hindenburg line itself is well within the necessary range to give the American gunners a full opportunity for their deadly work.

For Kronprinz, from its hilly entrenchment, exercises a commanding influence upon the western terrain bordering the Moselle to the point where the Moselle touches French territory. For this reason it must be put out of action before the Americans can advance along the Moselle more than three or four miles beyond their present positions on the west bank. The allies have not demolished a single modern permanent German fortification along the west front since the war began. The Americans may be destined to gain that honor for the galled cause at Fort Kronprinz.

INSURGENTS MAKE GAINS

GERMAN MILITARY TRAIN DESTROYED—VILLAGES TAKEN

British Forces Report Capture Of Large Enemy Steamer On The Drina River.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—Ukraine insurgents blew up a German military train and have captured ten villages, according to dispatches from Petrograd.

Dispatches regarding the Siberian operations declare that the Soviets have occupied Bindouk and Czerepe and have captured Bizertaki. Bolshevik troops are retiring from Granoftmak.

HEAVY HUN RESERVES

Seventeen Divisions Of Austrians To Help Defend Line.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE LORRAINE FRONT, Sept. 19.—Captured officers assert that 17 Austro-Hungarian divisions are mobilized along the French front. Most of them are not yet ready to be used, the prisoners state, but are being put through a rigorous training in Alsace-Lorraine, where they are building a third line of defense works behind the Hindenburg line.

Captured officers of high rank express little confidence in the ability of the Germans to defend the Hindenburg line. They intimate that fresh, dashing troops like the Americans, with plenty of tanks are able to smash any defense position ever constructed.

The Germans used hundreds of dummy guns in the St. Mihiel salient, emplaced along the Meuse heights, from the southeast of which real enemy guns bombarded the French rear during the Verdun fighting.

Civilians at Vignuelles declare that German carpenters, reinforced by Swiss toymakers at high wages, made the artificial guns from logs turned out at a nearby lumber mill. The timber came from the Montagne forest.

When ever the Germans transferred a battery, they mounted their dummy guns in place of the real ones.

Dummy anti-aircraft and machine guns also were placed adjacent and calcium flares were lighted at night to mislead the Americans into thinking that the German shellfire was coming from the dummies.

Austria's peace offer has been forgotten already by the boys at the front. Neither men nor officers ever mention it, nor have they since the first day the news of it reached here. But the doughboys are beginning to recall the world series, although many of them do not know that it was played ahead of the regular schedule this year.

H. L. ALEXANDER DIED IN PORTLAND

DECEASED WAS LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF EASTERN OREGON AND WELL KNOWN

Arthur C. Williams and Robert Eakin, of the local Masonic lodge, have been notified of the death of H. L. Alexander, at the home of his son in Portland.

The deceased was a resident of Eastern Oregon from the pioneer times, and was well known throughout the valley. He was a blacksmith by trade and conducted a shop at Island City for a long period. He also owned a shop in La Grande on what is now the site of the Y. M. C. A. building. He planted and cared for the shade trees which now adorn this site. In recent years he had a blacksmithing shop in Imbler, but retired from active work a few years ago. He leaves two sons, Fred and Frank, who has been most of the time in late years residents of Portland and of California.

The funeral will probably be held at Island City Sunday afternoon, under the direction of the Masonic order.

FORMERLY OF LA GRANDE

Clark Letter Writes Of Work In New York Times Office.

In a letter received by friends in La Grande this week, Clark Letter states that he is working as editorial writer on the staff of the New York Times. He is intimately associated in his work with Frank H. Simonds, noted war correspondent.

Mr. Letter writes that New York is quiet—comparatively—and that a serious attitude generally is taken in regard to the war.

WAR AIMS ENDORSED BY LABOR

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS ON BASIC TERMS OF PEACE

WILSON PRINCIPLES ARE APPROVED

Direct Distinction Is Made That The War Is A Conflict Between Autocracy And Democratic Ideals—Voice In Council Demanded By Labor.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—The war aims committee of the inter-allied labor conference has recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

"The conference recognizes that the war is a conflict between autocracy and democratic institutions; agrees that only on Wilson's principles can the ground work of lasting peace be founded and that the workers should have direct official representation at the peace conference."

HEARINGS ON PHONE RATES

DATES FOR MEETINGS FIXED FOR TWO CITIES.

Public Service Commission Will Inquire Into The Matter Of A Revision Of Schedule.

Some time ago an application was made to the public service commission of Oregon by the Home Independent Telephone company for a change in the schedule of charges for phone service.

Notice has been sent out by Ed. Wright, secretary, that the public service commission has appointed dates for a hearing on the application both at La Grande and Enterprise.

The hearing in La Grande will be at the city hall, on Wednesday, October 2, 1918, at 2:30 o'clock a.m.

At Enterprise on Friday, October 4, 1918, at 2:30 o'clock a.m.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR YMCA

We are preparing for one of the biggest, most far-reaching years of work in the whole history of the organization, said J. L. Cramer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. organization here, this morning. We are expecting and requesting the hearty co-operation of the people of La Grande to this end.

The board of directors met yesterday evening and adopted a tentative budget to cover running expenses for the coming year. Arrangements were made to care for all current indebtedness immediately.

The renovation and repairing of the building and preparation for the winter will soon be begun. Secretary Cramer announces that the gymnasium classes will be started again within a few weeks, probably about the first of October.

The officers for the Y. M. C. A. for this year are:

President: Geo. Palmer.
Vice-President: A. C. Hampton.
Treasurer: F. L. Myers.
Recording Secretary: W. M. Nichols.

BOND OFFICE OPEN.

Headquarters will be open at 108 Elm street, tonight from 8 o'clock on, so that workers may call for information or report in. Tomorrow, beginning at 8:00 a. m., representatives of both the La Grande banks will be at the secretary's office, where they will act for their respective banks, and such as make their subscriptions through the banks, should go to headquarters, rather than the banking houses.

Every effort is being made to get as many districts reported in tomorrow as possible.

ADVISORY BOARD WORK MOVES ON

FEW EXAMINED AT HEADQUARTERS IN Y. M. C. A. YESTERDAY.

Questionnaires Being Mailed—to the First Class Men—Seven Days Given to Appear.

One hundred questionnaires are being mailed each day from the local war board to all registrants between the ages of 19 and 36. After all in this class have been reached, those between the outside limits of the draft age, 18 and 45, will be sent their questionnaires. The purpose is to have all first class men examined at the earliest possible time, that they may be ready whenever selected for service. Report on these lists must be made within seven days after their receipt.

The following portion of the law in regard to the taking of oath by the registrant should be thoroughly understood by all taking the examination. Any oath required (except oaths to persons called before Local or District Boards to give oral testimony) may be administered:

- (1) By any federal or state officer authorized by law to administer oaths generally;
- (2) By any member or chief clerk of any Local or District Board having jurisdiction of the registrant;
- (3) By any Government Appeal Agent in regard to any case pending before any Local or District Board with which he is connected;
- (4) By any person designated to act in the capacity of legal aid or advisor to registrants; and
- (5) By any postmaster within the same local jurisdiction as the registrant.

When the oath or oaths are administered by any of the persons named in Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5, hereof, there shall be no fee or charge for the same.

AN OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

ERIC JOHN ENBERG DIED YESTERDAY AT HOME OF DAUGHTER, MRS. CUNLIFFE.

Eric John Enberg died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Cunliffe. The deceased was born March 8, 1860, and was a native of Sweden. He came to Nebraska in 1889 and moved to La Grande in 1892. He was an employee of the Union Pacific system for a period of 28 years. In later years he has made his home at Baker. He was known among a wide circle of friends as a man of sterling worth and one who was devoted to his family.

He was a member of long standing of the Woodmen of the World and the funeral will be held under the direction of that fraternity.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie R. Enberg, and five children. His sons are John Enberg, of La Grande; Oscar Enberg, of Manila; and Roy, who is in the United States Navy. His daughters are Alpha Cunliffe, of La Grande; and Frieda Enberg, of Baker.

The funeral will be held from the Bohlenkamp chapel on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

ASK \$1.05 PER HOUR

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 20.—Grand handlers employed on Portland docks today issued to their employers through the union, notice that on and after Monday September 23, they will expect to be paid for their services at the rate of \$1.05 an hour straight time and \$1.20 an hour overtime. The present scale is 70 and 80 cents, respectively.

The employers issued a statement protesting against granting the demands and bespeaking the intervention of H. M. Houser, Federal grain commissioner for Oregon towards bringing about a settlement of the controversy.

CAN SHOOT INTO METZ

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—The 9-inch larger caliber guns can now shoot into Metz from American positions, members of the House committee on military affairs said they were told at the war department today.

BERLIN WAR REPORT.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—Eighty one allied airplanes were brought down between the Meuse and Moselle from September 12 to 18, the German war office has announced. Only two German planes were lost in that period.

The repulse of allied attacks between the Ommignon and Somme rivers yesterday is reported.

ALLIED TROOPS ADVANCE ON A THIRTY MILE FRONT IN THE MACEDONIA REGION

BULGARIAN TRENCH SYSTEM IN LAKE DOIRAN REGION IS CAPTURED BY SERBIANS.

Ten Thousand Bulgars Were Captured On the Salonika Front Wednesday, According to Report Received By Paris Newspaper—Greeks Co-Operate.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—Allied troops are advancing on a thirty-five mile front in Macedonia, according to dispatches from the Salonika front received today.

The Serbians have crossed the Cerna river, between Rahiney and Godiyah, capturing Mrewhko. The fighting front has been widened until it extends twenty-five miles east of the Cerna, along which the allies have advanced from fifteen to seventeen miles. Near Lake Doiran the British and Greeks are moving forward on a ten-mile front.

A British official communique declares that the Bulgarian trench system in the Lake Doiran region has been captured and that the city of Doiran is now safely held.

"East of Lake Doiran on Wednesday we carried the enemy's outpost and took seven hundred prisoners," a Salonika communique said.

"Greek troops, co-operating with us, fought gallantly in all attacks to the eastward and westward of our positions."

10,000 BULGARS TAKEN.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—Ten thousand Bulgarians were captured Wednesday on the Salonika front, the Echo De Paris stated today.

BOND WORKERS ARE NOW BUSY

MT. GLEN IS PLACED IN SEPARATE RATE DISTRICT.

Team Captains Report That The Inclination Is To Meet The Ratings Established.

A. T. Hill, chairman of the Fourth Liberty Loan committee in Union county; G. L. Larson, chairman of the County Advisory War Board; H. M. DuBois and A. W. Nelson, all of La Grande, met yesterday evening with Mrs. E. D. Whiting, chairman of the Mt. Glen district, and about 11 representatives of that place, at the L. S. church in the Mt. Glen district. The amount to be subscribed by all wage earners and heads of families in that district was determined. Pending advice from the County Court, the quota has not yet been assigned for Mt. Glen.

Mt. Glen is a new name in the history of Liberty Loan campaigns, having previously been a division of that known as the Island City district.

After the business of the evening had been cleared away, an elaborate chicken dinner was served the guests and the 11 assistant workers of Mrs. Whiting, who were present.

The First Subscription.

R. J. Kitchen has the distinction of being the first voluntary subscriber in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign in La Grande. His subscription was reported at 8:05 this morning.

Response Is Liberal.

About half of the district teams are out working this morning, and all but about five will be this evening. Owing to the fact that some of the captains are out of town, work in their sections will not begin immediately.

The tendency is reported by team captains to meet all ratings established by the committee in charge.

FOUR MORE MEN CALLED TO SERVICE

The following four men have been selected by the local War Board to appear for induction into training at Fort McDowell, on September 25:

Shirley Scott Graham, Elgin.
Paylos D. Thanopoulos, Portland.
Farley Price, La Grande.
Oliver Kerr, Summerville.

COUNTY W. C. T. U CONVENTION CLOSES

GOOD ATTENDANCE—INSPIRING SESSIONS—ABOUT 9 ATTEND OUT OF TOWN.

The annual convention of the Union County W.C.T.U. met yesterday afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church on Fourth St.

After the regular program, which was rendered as announced, a business session was held at which the officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows:

President: Mrs. Para Thornton.

Vice-President: Mrs. Thos. Wallinger, Allec.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Esther Pursell.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Viola Parker, Union.

Treasurer: Mrs. Belle Wright.

A good attendance is reported at all of the meetings. About nine attended as delegates from out of town organizations.

An elaborate luncheon was served in the basement of the church at noon.

"Since the securing of prohibition as a law in this state," said Mrs. Thornton, for eight years president of the organization, "it may seem that there is little real work left for the W. C. T. U. to accomplish. But surely anyone familiar with our Red Cross activities and work in other lines would never have that impression."

"We are especially glad to see the interest taken by legislators in forbidding the use of cigarettes by minors."

L. C. SMITH IS A VERY LUCKY MAN

HAS RECEIVED CAR OF BUICKS WHICH HE EXPECTS TO BE THE LAST

L. C. Smith, Buick dealer here, has received another carload of Buicks, and is, of course, much pleased over the fact for in days like these a carload of automobiles is an unusual thing.

"I am much elated over it, for I had no real conviction that my order would be filled at all," said Mr. Smith, as he surveyed his shipment. "Furthermore, it is extremely doubtful if I get any more. It would not surprise me but that this is the last shipment this year. If fortune tosses the another carload I will certainly be lucky."

LARGE STEAMER CAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—(By United Press.)—The British in a forced operation on the Archangel front in Russia, captured the enemy's largest steamer in the Drina river, it is officially announced.