

YANKS MAKING BIG GAINS

AMERICANS PRESS ON IN SPITE OF RESISTANCE; 4,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

WITH THE FIRST AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 5.—(By Fred S. Ferguson, Special United Press Representative.)—Furious fighting continued today all along the fifty-mile front in the Champagne-Argonne region. Heavy artillery is supporting the infantry and the weather is ideal.

Aerial activity is stupendous. Violent German counter attacks in the Fleville region on the Argonne's eastern edge were repulsed last night.

The attack west of the Meuse began yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. By mid-afternoon Hill No. 240, West Fleville, Chesery and La Ferges were captured.

ADVANCED UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The advance was fully maintained against severe counter attacks. The attack was successful in the Argonne, in spite of the greatest difficulties. The boches had interlaced barbed wire with felled trees, cleverly concealing machine gun nests. These were cleared up with the use of tanks.

ENEMY DUMPS EXPLODED.

Numerous ammunition dump explosions in the enemy's rear throughout the day gave evidence that the boches had heavy losses from the allied artillery.

The attack started at some points without artillery, and the Germans were surprised. The enemy, with a heavy concentration of artillery and machine guns, offered stubborn resistance all day long.

AMERICAN COMMANDER CONGRATULATED.

The American attack was highly spectacular. General Gouraud sent personal congratulations to the American divisional commander.

YANKS ARE IN SMASHING DISTANCE.

The resumption of the American attack on a twenty-mile front west of the Meuse, with the five-mile American advance east of Rheims, have brought the Yankees within smashing distance of the German line of attack at important points.

BREAK THROUGH WHOLE FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Battle front dispatches declare that the Franco-Americans have definitely broken through the whole front of the enemy's defensive line behind the Suipe river, west of Argonne.

GERMAN ARMIES SURROUNDED.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The German armies in the great Argonne forest are surrounded by the Franco-Americans, while Germans in the newly created pocket northeast of Rheims are imperiled. The French have reached the Arnes river and are now threatening to envelop the Germans who are still holding on Nongent-LaBasse between Rheims and the Suipe river.

Franco-Americans are firmly established on the Orfeuit tableland.

RAILWAY ARTERY THREATENED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—(By United Press.)—General March today stated that the American advance between Argonne and the Meuse threatens Germany's main rail artery on the western front. Americans are now within eighteen miles of that railroad.

March said that the drive had compelled the Germans to throw "many divisions" into its path.

AMERICANS TAKE 4000 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—(By United Press.)—Americans attacking on an eight-mile front between the Meuse and Aire rivers advanced two miles today. The Americans captured Cunel, on the Kriemhilde line, and took 4000 prisoners in the Argonne-Meuse fighting.

The Germans are fighting desperately in the Champagne for every inch of ground, because of the highly valuable communication lines behind the front.

BRITISH MAKE FURTHER GAINS.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—(By United Press.)—Haig has announced further progress northeast of St. Quentin in successful minor operations.

GERMANS EVACUATE MONS REGION.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—(By United Press.)—The war office announced today that the French had made additional progress north of St. Quentin, northwest of Rheims and in the Champagne yesterday.

Germans have evacuated the eastern portions of the Mons region, which was threatened with envelopment by the Franco-Americans.

GENERAL MANGIN



Gen. Joseph Mangin of the French army, who is in immediate command of the allies operating between Soissons and Reims.

TURKS MAY STAY WITH GERMANY

GERMAN PAPER PUBLISHES TELEGRAM FROM PORTE.

Neutral Sources Assert That Big Hun Army Will Attempt To Hold Mittel-Europa Road

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.—The Turkish cabinet, according to a telegram published by the Cologne Gazette, has decided "in all circumstances to adhere to the alliance with the central powers."

Plans are under consideration for the reorganization of both the imperial German and Prussian ministries on the lines of a parliamentary system, according to the Berliner Tageblatt, which quotes Friedrich von Payer, the imperial vice chancellor, to this effect. The vice chancellor, the newspaper says, received the leaders of all the parties and discussed the contemplated parliamentarization, which he declared would extend to the Prussian as well as to the imperial ministry. The representatives of the right of the Independent Socialists and of the Poles, the Tageblatt says, have refused to co-operate in the formation of a coalition government.

The five points made by President Wilson in his New York speech, taken in conjunction with the letter of the German emperor to Chancellor von Hertling are looked up by Austro-Hungarians as constituting an important step in the direction of peace. The consensus of opinion in the dual monarchy, according to a message from the Vienna semi-official newspaper, is that the emperor's letter solves the question of parliamentarization in Germany, while the points made by President Wilson seem to offer a choice of agreement, inasmuch as he did not, it is held, definitely reject the essential principles laid down by the central powers, and on the other hand that his points "do contain a definite negation of the war aims everlastingly thrown in the face of the central powers."

Discussion is hoped for. The president's latest speech, says the message, opens fresh ground for a peace discussion, "which is the main thing." The message concludes by saying that the Austro-Hungarian monarchy must continue to labor untiringly in the direction of peace and to exhort the Austrian parliament, which reassembled Tuesday for the autumn session, to devote its entire attention to that end.

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WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN



William J. Mulligan has the task of expending the great war fund raised by the Knights of Columbus.

CALL MADE FOR FIVE MORE MEN

THEY ARE WANTED FOR BENSON POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL.

Volunteers Will Be Accepted By Local Board Up To The Twelfth Of October.

A call has been received from the adjutant general's office for five men from Union county, to go to the Benson Polytechnic School at Portland for instruction as auto-mechanics, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, general mechanics, pipe fitters, machinists, radio operators, surveyors and topographical draftsmen. These men must have had at least a grammar school education or its equivalent, or who have the ability to read and write and have some aptitude for mechanical work and some ability along the lines of training above specified. Men selected for this service will receive a course of training at Government expense fitting them to serve in army positions both at the front and behind the lines. The men will be assigned to that kind of training for which the greatest need exists. This is an exceptional opportunity for qualified men.

MICROBE PASSES UP HUNS.

CAMP GRANT, Rockford, Ill., Oct. 5.—There is said to be a bit of self-respect in even the influenza microbe. He has attacked all ranks of the 40,000 men in this camp, but has declined to enter the barbed-wire enclosure where the German prisoners are herded.

MANY LIVES LOST AT MUNITIONS PLANT

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—(By United Press.)—The estimated loss of life from the munitions explosions which destroyed the Gillespie shell-loading plant, vary from 50 to 150. There are probably eight hundred casualties, including three hundred hospital cases. The plant cost \$12,000,000. The loss will be borne largely by the government.

GRAND CHORUS APPRECIATED

IMBLER AND LA GRANDE UNITED IN MUSICALS

All Visitors Speak In Highest Appreciation Of The Reception Given Them.

Fifty members of the community chorus motored over to Imbler yesterday evening and joined with the chorus and citizens of their sister city in a stirring patriotic meeting. A joint purpose of the meeting was to arouse interest in the community chorus of that place. The exercises were held in the Imbler moving picture house, the seating capacity of which was taxed by the audience of about two hundred.

A feature of the evening's entertainment which has without fail been mentioned first by those attending was the delicious cafeteria fried chicken supper served by the hostesses at Imbler to the visiting chorus.

Rev. Archer of Imbler spoke on "The Dynamics of Music." A. T. Hill, chairman of the Fourth Liberty Loan in Union county on Liberty Bonds, and Bruce Dennis, in behalf of La Grande to the people of Imbler.

Dr. E. P. Mossman, president of the chorus, spoke appreciatively in its behalf for the warm and cordial reception given the visitors and the evident spirit of good fellowship existing between the two towns. He further expressed the general appreciation of the opportunity of visiting there.

United choruses, under the direction of Professor Edwards, rendered a number of rousing patriotic selections. "This visit with our sister city has proven an immense success," said J. E. Trayner, secretary of the chorus, today, "and I am sure that it is the hope of all who attended the exercises yesterday evening that intertown fellowship may be given an opportunity to develop by continued visits."

LAST DAY FOR TAX

Payments Coming In Very Lively at Eleventh Hour.

This is the last day for tax payments, and that fact has stimulated the receipts at the sheriff's office very noticeably. In round figures the amount of the current year's tax thus far received is \$419,000, and the amount still due on the list this morning was about \$120,000. Of this latter sum a great deal will be paid today. One of the big payments looked for to reduce the amount remaining is the last half of the railroad tax, amounting to about \$35,000.

VON WOLF APPOINTED

Becomes German Foreign Minister To Succeed Von Hintze.

AMSTERDAM, October 5.—(By United Press.)—Dr. von Wolf, secretary for the colonies, has been appointed German foreign minister, says a Berlin official report.

SALVATION ARMY OPENS NEW HOME

The Salvation Army will hold dedicatory exercises in their new headquarters at 1003 Adams Avenue this evening. The former Chinese store, notorious here as the den of alleged murderers and those complicated in the tong war two years ago, has been renovated and remodeled and is now ready for occupancy. Plans for the Harvest Home Festival to be held October 12, will be announced in the near future.

NEW PEACE PROPOSAL FALLS FLAT

SAID ENGLAND ASKED EXPLANATION OF "NON-COMMITTAL CONFERENCE"

THIS IS DENIED BY LONDON TELEGRAPH

In Submitting Proposal Austria Asked Holland to Place The Hague at the Disposal of the Belligerents, As the Suitable Place for Holding the Recently Proposed Conference.

AMSTERDAM, October 5.—Replying to the Austro-Hungarian request for a peace conference of all the belligerents, Great Britain is reported to have demanded that Austria explain what it means by a "non-committal conference."

It is reported that Austria has asked Holland to place The Hague at the disposal of the belligerents for the conference. Holland promptly notified all belligerents. Prominent pacifists are active in Vienna.

Denied By London Paper. LONDON, Oct. 5.—(By United Press.)—The Telegraph declares authoritatively that Great Britain's only reply to the Austrian peace proposals consists of Balfour's speech on September 19.

U.S. NOT YET INVITED. WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Secretary Lansing today authorized the statement that the American government has received no invitation from Austria-Hungary to take part in peace negotiations as outlined in a dispatch tonight from Amsterdam, quoting the correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt.

NO GATHERINGS

Seattle Closes All Public Places On Account Of Influenza.

Seattle, October 5.—(By United Press.)—All churches, schools, theaters and public gatherings have been closed by a proclamation of the mayor as a measure of protection against Spanish influenza. The police have closed all the movie houses and there will be no church assemblages tomorrow.

KING HAD ABDICATED

Official Announcement Has Confirmed The Report.

AMSTERDAM, October 5.—(By United Press.)—An official Sofia announcement confirms the reported abdication of King Ferdinand. Crown Prince Boris has been proclaimed king.

U. S. FLYER FOOLS GERMANS. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY

NEAR REDDUN, Oct. 4.—With his airplane verded by machine gun bullets and hemmed in by German machines, Aviator Ted Haight, of New York, yesterday pretended to be out of commission and landed within the German line.

After hurriedly repairing his damaged machine, he ascended and got back to his own lines, successfully dodging the astonished Germans.

VISITING FROM WALLOWA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kiddle, of Wallowa, arrived yesterday evening and are stopping at the Ed. Kiddle home at Island City. Mr. Kiddle will spend the next few days looking after business interests in Portland and other points and Mrs. Kiddle will visit relatives and friends here.

MAIL LATE; MAN EXECUTED.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 5.—Pasquall Biondi, of Akron, O., convicted of the murder of an Akron policeman, was electrocuted in the Ohio penitentiary here today just a few hours before papers granting a stay of execution reached the prison.

MAKING ENGLISH PRISONERS WORK IN GERMANY.



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT A PRISON CAMP IN GERMANY. THE PICTURE SHOWS ENGLISH PRISONERS ON THEIR WAX, UNDER GUARD, TO WORK ON THE ROADS.