

Germany to Haggle, Is Indication

WOULD EVACUATE BELGIUM AND FRANCE,
PENDING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS—ALLIES
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PRUSSIA UNMOLESTED.

Not A Thing to Such Complex Restrictions

Amsterdam Sends Out What Is Believed Will Be the German Answer to President Wilson—Allies Continue to Win Victories at Every Point on the Battle Front—Huns On Run.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—The German reply to President Wilson, say Amsterdam dispatches which claim to be quoting for an authoritative source, will be: "Germany will evacuate Belgium and France, pending the peace negotiations, which are to be started in a neutral country before evacuation is completed, and providing Allies give assurances that German territory, including Alsace-Lorraine and Polish Prussia, will not be demanded. During peace negotiations German troops to remain in Russia and Roumania."

AMERICANS CAPTURE TOWN.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—General Haig has reported that Americans have completed the capture of Val Andigny and Steu Zouplet, below Le Cateau, yesterday.

FRENCH CONTINUE THEIR HAMMERING.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—The French troops maintained contact with retreating Germans on many fronts, throughout last night, said the war office today.

Important gains were made in Chemin des Dames and Champagne regions. The French are within three miles of Vouziers and Champagne and within four miles of Craonne, which is practically encircled. The French occupied Semide with several villages west of Argonne.

FRENCH AND AMERICANS WIN.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—French troops, co-operating with the Americans, have reached Gerandpres' outskirts. Allies now control the important cut through Argonne massif.

ENEMY FIRES CITY BEFORE LEAVING.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—Germans are retreating precipitately northeastward from Cambrai towards Deanin and Valenciennes. The Allies are beyond Solesmes and Le Cateau. French troops have reached the Oise and have taken Toul, east of St. Quentin. The enemy has fired Vouziers.

HUNS ON THE RUN.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—Allied patrols have entered Grandpre. The Germans are reported to be evacuating the Chemin des Dames region.

CLOSING IN FOR CONTROL.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—Americans and French troops are seizing the last portions of the Kriemhilde line on a wide front, from the Meuse west to Argonne.

An additional advance of three miles at some points has closed the western entrance to Grandpre pass and given them practically control of the eastern entrance.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—North of the Argonne forest the French have reached the line of Lanouville, Couray and Signy, at Machault's outskirts.

GERMAN RETIREMENT MADE HARD.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—Cavalry, tanks, infantry and artillery of the British, French and American armies are accentuating on the German retirement on the whole front, from Lens to Ribemont. Stiff enemy machine gun opposition is being met at some points.

WELL KNOWN MASON DEAD.

Tom Taylor Of Pendleton Dies At Bend.

The death of Tom Taylor, of Pendleton, one of the best known members of the Masonic order in Oregon, occurred at Bend during a meeting of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of this state. He died very suddenly and he will be missed by a large number of friends.

WEALTHY MUST BUY.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—The Treasury Department warned wealthy persons today that they must go deeper if the Fourth Liberty Loan is a success. An average of five hundred million dollars daily must henceforth be recorded. Treasury officials are considering extreme measures if the money is not forthcoming.

SCHOOL HELD FOR DRAFT MEN

COUNTY BOARD OF INSTRUCTION OUTLINES WORK.

Order Issued To Men Of All Classes In Union County—Matters Of Importance To Be Cleared.

Capt. R. M. Russell of Camp Lewis and Captain J. F. Thorne, representing the Red Cross work in this state, met with the county board of instruction yesterday and discussed plans for the future conduct of the work. The recommendation from National headquarters that the county boards, which have previously consisted of three members, be enlarged to twelve members was considered. Although no definite action was taken, the measure received favorable attention. Dr. A. L. Richardson, A. W. Nelson and F. S. Ivanhoe at present compose the board. Men To Be Instructed Individually. Following the recommendations from general headquarters at Washington, each man, upon the day of his induction into service, will be given instruction in regard to the medical, moral and military phases of camp life. A second talk will be given by one of the members of the board, when the selective men are assembled in their various districts. On the day of their departure for camp, the quota will be assembled and given an entire day's drill in military training.

All Registered Men To Attend. All classes of registered men between the ages of 19 and 45 inclusive, are ordered to appear at the L. D. S. Tabernacle Saturday evening for instruction preliminary to that of the county board. Men engaged in essential occupations during the hour of the meeting will be excused from attendance, but barbers, clerks and any engaged in essential occupations, which do not require attention during the hours of the meeting have been ordered to be present.

Meetings are called over the entire county by order of Provost Marshal General Crowder, and the work here is only in pursuance of the nation-wide campaign. Only Registered Men Admitted. The meeting will be open to registered men only. Various phases of camp and army life, unessential save to those directly concerned, will be presented to the men, and all not specified in the orders of the Provost Marshal have been respectfully requested.

Change in Personnel Of Speakers. Contrary to previous arrangements made by Captain Burke, here Wednesday, representing the State Board of Hygiene branch in the work of the boards of instruction, a change in speakers is necessary. James Elvin, recently returned from active service as a Y.M.C.A. worker in France, will address the audience for 15 minutes. Captain J. F. Thorne, representing the military branch of the Red Cross will then discuss for a few minutes the legal obligations of the Red Cross toward the family of the soldiers in his absence while in service.

Captain R. E. Russell, of Camp Lewis, will then speak on other phases of the life of the soldier. The latter two talks will cover a period of 1:15. The meeting, which will convene at 8 p.m., will thus require an absence from work of about one and a half hours.

E. POLACK IS DEAD.

The sad news of E. Polack's death at 3:30 this afternoon at Rochester, Minnesota, has just been received by the Elks' lodge of this city.

JOSEPH CORBETT IS DEAD.

At the Parker hospital in New York city at 2 o'clock this morning, the spirit of Joseph Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Corbett, of La Grande, departed from the earthly body. His parents are speeding on their way to their boy. They left Omaha, Nebraska, last evening on the fast train to Chicago and from there to New York.

While nothing is known as to arrangements for funeral and burial, it is believed the body will be brought to La Grande.

The shock to this community is a severe one, for Joe Corbett was one of the finest boys this city has ever produced. For two years he has been in the service of his country and held the place of gunner's mate, third class, in the United States navy.

His death was caused by Spanish influenza and a severe attack of pneumonia.

211,000 CASES OF INFLUENZA ARE REPORTED

DISEASE INFESTING CANTONMENTS IN ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY.

FEARFUL SPREAD DURING THE PAST WEEK TO WEST

Eastern Camps That Were First Affected Are Now Clearing Up—Middle West Camps Are Now At Their Worst Stage—Disease Is Now Rapidly Spreading To Pacific Coast Camps.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—Two hundred and eleven thousand cases of influenza are reported in the army camps to date with 7,432 fatalities. One week ago, seventeen of the forty-two larger camps were affected. Now thirty-three of such camps are reporting over five hundred cases each for the week.

The epidemic continues with great intensity in the United States military establishments and during the past week it has had some gains, the war department announced today. The influenza is spreading rapidly westward. Eastern camps that were first affected are now beginning to clear up. It is now at its height in the middle west camps.

GERMANY'S WAR BONDS OFFERED

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 11.—There are persistent rumors among the working classes in Germany, according to advices received here, that Germany's imperial bonds may become valueless. The rumors have their basis in repeated entente victories. The people of numerous towns are said to be unloading their war bonds at extraordinarily low prices and a panic seems imminent. The German newspapers are publishing strong appeals in endeavors to tranquilize public feeling.

TEACHERS RETURN HOME

INSTITUTE CLOSING AFTER 3-DAY SESSION

Teachers Greatly Appreciate Entertainment Offered Them—Musical Numbers Win Favor.

The second annual Blue Mountain Tri-County Teachers Association closed its meetings at noon today, after a most successful and instructive three-day session.

In behalf of the teachers of the three counties, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent of this county, has expressed warm appreciation of the welcome and hospitality accorded by the people of the town in entertaining the visitors. Many who, under other circumstances, would not have opened their homes to roomers, obligingly offered accommodations for the period of the institute. Clubs, church societies and other associations united in offering the four hundred teachers from Baker, Wallowa and Union counties real western hospitality.

"I want especially to thank those responsible for the really excellent musical numbers rendered during the convention," said Mrs. Ivanhoe. "It is the expressed wish of President Wilson that the power of song be recognized during these distressed times, and that public gatherings on every occasion have some musical number on the program."

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, known throughout Oregon, rendered two selections to the great enjoyment of all. She was accompanied by Miss Friederika Schilke and J. David Haines.

A letter of thanks has been received from the American Red Cross at 32 Grosvenor Gardens, London, addressed to La Grande chapter, which reads as follows: 32 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1. September 13, 1918. La Grande Chapter. American Red Cross, La Grande, Ore. Gentlemen: The American Red Cross Commission for Great Britain has asked me to write you and say how much we appreciate the various supplies which we have been receiving from your chapter. These supplies fill a great and

NEARLY TWO MILLION AMERICANS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, October 11.—(By United Press.)—America has reached nearly the two million mark in sending troops to Europe, General March told the correspondents of the newspapers today. "Over a million, nine hundred thousand Americans are now in Europe, and the shipments are continuing," he said. "This is no time to act on the idea that the war is over. The thing to do is to back the government with money and money until victory is certain." This was General March's appeal for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

PITTMAN SCORES SENATOR LODGE

NEVADA SENATOR BEARS DOWN ON EASTERN MAN.

Lodge Replies By Reiterating His Regret At Inquiries Made.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 11.—President Wilson's note of inquiry in response to the German peace proposal was praised and attacked today in the Senate.

Senator Pittman (Dem.) of Nevada, opened a debate that lasted several hours, by criticizing Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, for issuing a statement commenting unfavorably on the President's action. The Nevada senator agreed with most of the other leaders in congress who discussed the matter for publication, in approving both the president's refusal to propose an armistice while the Germans are on invaded soil and the inquiries addressed to the German chancellor. He said the criticism of the Republican leader could serve no good purpose and would tend to destroy confidence in the president.

Senator Lodge, replied, reiterating his disappointment that the President did not reply that nothing short of unconditional surrender by the enemy would be accepted and his belief that his note opened the way to negotiations with the German rulers with whom the President has said the United States would not deal. A similar view was taken by Senator Poincaré (Rep.) of Washington, who expressed hope that if necessary England and France would refuse to grant an armistice until Germany surrendered.

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Influencia again showed an increase today. The base hospital reported 146 new cases against 103 yesterday. Ten cases of pneumonia and two deaths from pneumonia were also reported.

CAPTAIN HONEYMAN DEAD.

Pneumonia Claims Portland Boy—Mother Known Here

The Oregonian of today says: Mrs. Jessie Honeyman, who resides at the American Apartments, Twenty-first and Johnson streets, received a telegram Wednesday announcing the death of her son, Bruce, aged 33, in France, October 5, of pneumonia.

Bruce Honeyman was born here and graduated from the Portland Academy in 1902 and from Boston Tech in 1906.

Captain Honeyman leaves a widow and two young children, a boy and a girl. Mrs. Honeyman is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blakeley, in St. Paul, Minn.

Arthur Honeyman, of Ilwaco, and Kenneth Honeyman, an Army engineer in France, are brothers. His sister, Ruth, wife of Major Barker, of the Fifth Division, also in France, is with her mother, Mrs. Jessie Honeyman.

Mrs. Honeyman, mother of Captain Honeyman, will be remembered by La Grande. She lived for some time with Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Mossman, and was very well known in literary and social circles here.

PARLEY PRICE ACCEPTED.

Milton Price, of the Observer force, received a letter today from his brother, Parley Price, stating that he had passed the physical examination, been equipped with a uniform and is now one of Uncle Sam's boys at Fort McDowell.

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce and daughters moved to La Grande yesterday from the ranch. They are occupying their home on First Street.

Miss Mary Randall of Union also rendered a beautiful vocal selection yesterday morning. In the evening, the Community Chorus, under the direction of Professor Edwards, appeared in five numbers, responding again and again to the hearty encores of the pleased audience.

HUNS LOST ONE MILLION IN BATTLE

SINCE BATTLE OF MARNE HUNS HAVE SUFFERED SEVERE LOSSES.

BALANCE OF POWER NOW IS IN ALLIED HANDS

This, According To General Maurice, Of London News, Is Of More Importance Than The Piercing Of Enemy's Strongest Defenses Or The Capturing Of Great Towns—Means Victory.

WASHINGTON, October 11.—(By United Press.)—Writing in the London News General Maurice declared the Germans have lost two hundred thousand prisoners since the battle of the Marne. Their total casualty list reaches a million men, according to this authority on military affairs.

"As they are unable to make good this loss, they must reduce their establishments on the western front by not less than half a million men. During this period of time the Allied strength is growing steadily as Americans arrive, so the balance of the military power is changing very rapidly in our favor. This is the main fact to remember in considering the war front situation. It is more important than piercing the enemy's strongest defenses or capturing great towns."

Rhine Towns Being Vacated

GERMANS REMOVING POPULATION BY THE THOUSANDS.

Valley Of The Rhine To Be Stage For Big Battle, Is Believed.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 11.—The wholly unexpected extent of the German collapse between St. Quentin and Cambrai, which leaves a great gap torn in the center of the enemy lines that were already struggling to extricate themselves and get back to a shorter front, has given rise to belief here that there is even the possibility of a crushing and immediate military victory for the allies.

Should the French to the south, or British to the north also succeed in breaking through before the Germans complete an extensive retirement, the capture or destruction of a whole enemy army group, might be realized in the opinion of observers here.

The situation today has almost limitless possibilities and Marshal Foch is virtually certain to concentrate every ounce of power at his command for a final coup.

The smashing victory of Anglo-American forces north of St. Quentin may be paving the way for an early invasion of Germany itself. Striking hints of the wholly new enterprise directed at the upper Rhine Valley, have come from unofficial quarters in France, and they follow repeated reports from Switzerland that the civil population of the Rhine Valley towns were being removed by the German authorities.

Some officers regard these reports as highly significant, particularly because it now appears certain the enemy will be forced far back all along the front in Northern France and Belgium in the next few days. While the constant hammering is kept up in the north to pin the German army there, it might be possible, it was said, to deliver a new stroke on the Alsace-Lorraine front that might develop into an invasion of Germany itself by way of the Rhine valley. It does not appear, however, that the Rhine drive plans, if there are such will develop until the situation clears in the north. Should the German armies in the north, however, fail to establish a line on the Meuse front, many are confident the center of attack will swing suddenly to a drive into Germany itself by the shortest route—the Rhine valley.